

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 AMMAN 00838 151723Z

47

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
----- 103899

P 151653Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6967

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

S E C R E T AMMAN 00838

EXDIS

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: MASS JO US SA

SUBJECT: HAWK VULCAN FINANCING TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI

RE STATE 032228, AMMAN 0812

1. ON FEBUARY 15 I HAD A SESSION WITH PM RIFAI
INWHICH I PRESENTED HIM WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER WHICH
DATT AMMAN HAD PROVIDED TO CINC JAF. LETTER (AMMAN 812)
BRINGS JORDANIANS UP TO DATE ON PRESENT STATUS OF HAWK
VULCAN FINANCING.

2. RIFAI READ THE LETTER AND SAID HE WOULD BE SENDING IT
ON TO SAUDIS. HE ASKED ME AS KING HAD ABOUT WHETHER WE
COULD PROVIDE THE SAUDIS WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER. I
TOLD RIFAI THAT WE COULD NOT AND I WOULD PERSONALLY
RECOMMEND AGAINST DOING SO. THERE WERE DANGERS FOR JORDAN
IF WE GOT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PARTICULARLY SINCE
THERE WAS A POSSIBLTY THAT UNDUE PRESSURE FROM US
MIGHT SOUR RATHER THAN SWEETEN THE
SAUDIS. I COULD NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY HERE FOR
RECOMMENDING THAT WASHINGTON JUMP INTO THE MIDDLE
WHEN I KNEW THAT NEITHER HERE NOR IN WASHINGTON WERE
WE CAPABLE OF MAKING A FULL JUDGMENT ABOUT WHAT THE EFFECTS
ON THE SAUDIS WOULD BE. WE CONTINUED TO FEEL THAT
JORDAN SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD AND
MAKE THE RUNNING ON

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 AMMAN 00838 151723Z

THIS. JORDAN WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE JUDGMENTS ABOUT

HOW THEIR SAUDI BRETHERN WOULD RESPOND TO
ADDITIONAL PRESSURE. I TOLD HIM I WAS SORRY THAT MY
RECOMMENDATION WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGATIVE. HE SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT OF VIEW AND THAT JORDAN WOULD
CONTINUE TO KEEP THE ISSUE BEFORE THE SAUDIS.

3. HE NOTED THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE SAUDIS HAD NOT
INFORMED THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AFTER HAVING TOLD
HIM THEY WOULD DO SO. I SAID I COULD SHED NO LIGHT FOR
HIM ON THAT POINT. HE SPECULATED THAT THE SAUDIS MAY
WELL STILL BE TRYING TO ADJUST THEIR LEADERSHIP AND
BUREAUCRACY TO THE INCREASED COST. I TOLD HIM I
THOUGHT THAT WAS POSSIBLE. ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS
WELL KNOWN THAT THE SAUDIS WOULD STILL END UP THIS YEAR WITH
A RATHER LARGE SURPLUS OF FUNDS AND WERE THEMSELVES
SPENDING VERY SIZEABLE AMOUNTS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THUS THE JORDANIAN SYSTEM WHILE
EXPENSIVE WAS NOT REALLY OUT OF LINE WITH THEIR
OWN EXPENDITURES.
PICKERING

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic DecapTIONing: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FINANCE, MILITARY SALES, MISSILES, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 FEB 1976
DecapTION Date: 28 MAY 2004
DecapTION Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: blochd0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976AMMAN00838
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760058-0270
From: AMMAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760246/aaaaboeb.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: blochd0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 OCT 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <15 JUN 2004 by izenbei0, 3.4.X6>; RELEASED <07 OCT 2004 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <01 NOV 2004 by blochd0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HAWK VULCAN FINANCING TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI RE STATE 032228, AMMAN 0812
TAGS: MASS, JO, US, SA, (RIFAI, ZAYD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006